

General Assistance Maximums Reference Sheet-Penobscot County

SFY 2026: Oct 1, 2025-Sept 30, 2026

OVERALL MAXIMUMS (A)				
Persons in Household				
1	2	3	4	5
\$923	\$968	\$1,271	\$1,601	\$1,895
Household of 6 =				\$1,970
*Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.				

HOUSING MAXIMUMS (C)				
	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$181	\$779	\$210	\$902
1	\$183	\$786	\$220	\$945
2	\$242	\$1,040	\$289	\$1,244
3	\$308	\$1,323	\$365	\$1,570
4	\$363	\$1,560	\$432	\$1,859
Recovery Residence			\$165.00	\$708.75
26+ rooms			\$115.50	\$496.13

FOOD MAXIMUMS (B)			
Persons	Weekly	Monthly	
1	\$69.30	\$298.00	
2	\$126.98	\$546.00	
3	\$182.56	\$785.00	
4	\$231.16	\$994.00	
5	\$275.12	\$1,183.00	
6	\$330.47	\$1,421.00	
7	\$365.35	\$1,571.00	
8	\$416.05	\$1,789.00	
Note: For each additional person add \$218 per month.			

ELECTRIC (D)					
Without electric heat/hot water			WITH electric heat/hot water		
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly	# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$85.50	1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$22.52	\$96.50	2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$24.97	\$107.00	3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00	4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$29.88	\$128.50	5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50	6	\$58.68	\$251.50
For each additional person, add \$10.50/mo			For each additional person, add \$14.50/mo		
NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is not automatically entitled to the "maximums" established applicants must demonstrate need. 1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:			2) Electricity Maximums for Households with Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:		
HEATING FUEL (E)			NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.		
Month		Gallons			
January		225			
February		225			
March		125			
April		125			
May		50			
June - August		0			
September		50			
October		100			
November		200			
December		200			

FUNERAL MAXIMUMS (H)	
Burial	\$1,620
Additional costs that may be allowed:	
* A cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery.	
* Urn, not to exceed \$55.	
* Transportation costs at a reasonable rate per mile.	
Cremation	\$1,125
Additional costs that may be allowed:	
* Wholesale cost of cement liner, if required.	
* Opening and closing of gravesite.	
* A lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery unless they can provide a lot in a municipally owned cemetery.	

PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES (F)		
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00
For each additional person add \$1.25/wk or \$5 per month		
Mileage Rate (G)		\$.54 per mile

SUPPLEMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5 (F)		
# of Children	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00
When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, & shampoo, up to the following amounts:		

GA Hotline: 1-800-442-6003, option 2 then 1

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